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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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### 2001 Assembly Bill 49

### Assembly Amendments 3, 5 and 6

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Generally, under *current law*, only municipalities with a population of over 5,000 are required to have voter registration for elections. In addition, when any voter goes to the polls to vote, he or she is required to provide his or her name and address to election officials at the polling place. Finally, persons convicted of treason, felony or bribery may not vote unless they have completed the terms of their sentence and had their civil rights restored.

*Assembly Bill 49*, among other things, requires the Elections Board to prepare recommendations with regard to requiring voter registration in every municipality in the state and maintaining a statewide voter registration list. The recommendations must address issues relating to the privacy of each elector's voter registration information. In addition, the bill requires the Elections Board to prepare recommendations with regard to issuing voter identification cards to electors in the state.

*Assembly Amendment 3*<sup>\*</sup>, as adopted by the Assembly, requires the Elections Board to prepare recommendations with regard to how the Department of Corrections can better educate each individual who is convicted of a felony under the laws of this state as to that individual's rights and responsibilities with regard to voting in this state. The recommendations must be submitted to the Chief Clerk of each house of the Legislature no later than the first day of the seventh month beginning after the effective date of the bill, and be distributed to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature.

*Assembly Amendment 5* prohibits the Elections Board, in making the recommendations with regard to statewide voter registration, from requiring the collection or use of Social Security numbers as the basis of identification or placing such number on the card.

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<sup>\*</sup>Only page 1, lines 4 to 12 of Assembly Amendment 3 was adopted. The remainder of the amendment was ruled to be nongermane.

*Assembly Amendment 6* requires the Elections Board to submit recommendations in regard to requiring voter identification by electors in this state, instead of recommendations with regard to issuing voter identification cards to electors in this state.

Assembly Amendments 3, 5 and 6 were adopted by the Assembly on a voice vote on January 30, 2001.

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